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ON PETITION

In re Application of :  
Wolff et al. :  
Application No. 09/588,411 :  
Filed: June 6, 2000 :  
Attorney Docket No. 60001.0112US01 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed October 24, 2005, to withdraw the holding of abandonment.

The petition is **granted**.

The above-identified application was deemed abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed December 8, 2004, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application was deemed to have become abandoned as of March 9, 2004.

Petitioner has established that a reply and the submission of payment for a three month extension of time were timely mailed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.8 on June 8, 2005. Therefore, the application is not abandoned and the petition is granted.

Technology Center Art Unit 2176 will be informed of the instant decision so that the examiner may further consider the merits of the application in due course.

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